

Faculty Meeting

October 7, 2024

DSL 499 2:30 - 3:30

Present: Peter Beerli, Hristo Chipilski, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Kevin Speer, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero, Nick Dexter

1. Departmental Operational Budget. The new proposed budget is \$100,000. Over the past several years, the department has spent only about 50% of the operational budget and spends more commonly from the carry-forward budget. Still, last year, A&S instituted a change to carry forward; our carry forward since then is only 19% of the operational budget and resets yearly. The chair has suggested a proposed operational budget for the 2024-2025 year that increases the travel funds for the students.
2. Dan Overturf has accepted the business manager position. He begins the job on October 28, 2024.
3. The Research Committee reported that the lineup for fall colloquiums has been secured, as well as the lineup of speakers for Spring 2025. It was suggested that there be more diversity of areas with the presenting speakers. The department supports (Travel/Lodging) about six external speakers annually. Tomek spoke about the Journal Club and said there should be more student engagement. He suggested establishing a student council.
4. The Undergraduate Committee spoke about ISC 1057. The course satisfies a university requirement of Quantitative/Logical Thinking. The BOG originally assessed that the course did not fulfill the requirement. The UG changed the course description and objectives, but it turned out that the BOG reversed its assessment, and no changes to the course description were necessary.
5. Tomek wanted to move our traditional lab classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:05 – 5:35 to later on both days. Lab students would finish their work after 7:00 p.m. He wanted graduate elective classes to be taught

during this timeframe of 3:05 – 5:35. The consensus was that this change should not be made.

6. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.